

REMARKS

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-10, 13-27, 29-34, 36-40, 42 and 45-55 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuno in view of the Edinburgh article. The undersigned is confused as to the rejection of claims 45 through 55 as there are no such claims in this case. In any event, the Applicant submits that the combination of Kuno and Edinburgh do not render obvious claims 1-44 of the above entitled application.

The Examiner concedes that Kuno does not disclose a second robot controlling a first robot. The Examiner then states the Edinburgh reference would teach one skilled in the art this feature. The Applicant respectfully traverses this contention.

First, the claims recite a second mobile robot that has "an input device" to control the movement of a first mobile robot. The Edinburgh reference does not disclose two mobile robots where one of the robots has a input device that can control the movement of the other robot. The combination of Kuno and Edinburgh does not disclose all of the limitations of the claims. Specifically, neither reference discloses an input device in a second mobile robot that is used to control the movement of a first mobile robot. Lacking all of the claim limitations, the combined references cannot render obvious the claims.

Second, the Edinburgh reference does not teach or suggest providing an input device on a second mobile robot that can control the movement of a first mobile robot. Edinburgh has a one sentence statement about how one robot might teach another to follow a maze. The Edinburgh reference does not provide any disclosure on how one robot would teach another robot. Edinburgh does not disclose or suggest an input device of a second mobile robot that is used to control movement of a first mobile robot. The Applicant therefore

submits that Edinburgh would not teach one to modify the Kuno system to have two robots, where one of the robots has an input device to control the other robot as recited in the claims of the above entitled application.

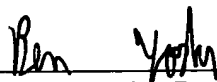
In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is requested. Allowance of claims 1-44 at an early date is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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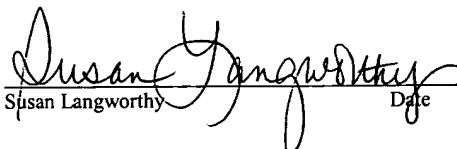
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